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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

O. Takuman and T. Matsushita

Title: SILICONE RUBBER COMPOSITION
FOR APPLICATION AS ELECTRICAL
INSULATION

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Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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This communication is in response to the Examiner's Final Action dated March 3, 1999, rejecting Claims 1-10 and 13-17 of the present application. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this rejection in view of the clarifying remarks provided below and withdraw the rejection of these claims.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejects Claim 1-6, 8-10, 13-15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kunieda, U.S. Pat. No. 5,369,161, in view of Azechi, U.S. Pat. No. 5,691,407. The Examiner states that Kunieda teaches the composition of present Claim 1 with the exception of Component (B) which is aluminum hydroxide surface treated with a treating agent selected from the group consisting of organomethoxysilanes, organoethoxysilanes, and organosilazanes. The Examiner further states that Azechi teaches aluminum hydroxide surface treated with agents such as vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinyltriethoxsilane, trimethylethoxysilane, and